

## Education Cabinet

# Governor proclaims May OVR Job Placement Month

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FRANKFORT, Ky. — Governor Steve Beshear has proclaimed May Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Job Placement Month. In addition to Governor Beshear's proclamation, OVR is dedicating this month to Gina Hughes, a long-time Frankfort administrator, who died in October 2007 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

OVR Job Placement Director Robin Ritter said Hughes was dedicated to helping persons with disabilities seek employment. "She was a dear friend, who throughout her many years of service to the consumers of OVR showed a special devotion to job placement," Ritter said. "Gina was a counselor in Richmond and Lexington as well as a job placement specialist and field administrator in Frankfort. She valued the rights, worth and dignity of all persons with disabilities and demonstrated this daily."

Job placement is a statewide service of OVR that helps match qualified job seekers with employers. The activities that are planned for May will recognize and celebrate employer partnerships, placement activities and accomplishments of persons with disabilities in the workforce.

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, an agency of the Education Cabinet's Department for Workforce Investment, assists Kentuckians with disabilities to achieve gainful employment and independence. For more information about services, call the department toll free at 1-800-372-7172 or at 1-888-420-9874 (TDD) or visit the OVR Web site at [www.ovr.ky.gov](http://www.ovr.ky.gov).

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